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Mayor Gibson . . . "Street Crime Must Go"

When people have struggled for such a long period and are still struggling to overcome a history of neglect, it was indeed a relief when Newark, along with seven other major cities throughout the country, was designated by the Federal Government to receive a three-year grant of \$20 million to combat crime.

The only way that crime can be reduced, or brought under control, is that the job of defending and protecting residents be placed in the hands of responsible persons who are sensitive to the needs of the people they are serving.

As a result of this federal grant, a new project called The Impact Cities Program, was established with Mr. Earl Phillips serving as executive director.

It is hoped that the new project will reduce the city's crime rate from 5 percent in two years, to 20 percent over a five year period.

We realize that there has been a deterioration of law and order over the past 20 years or more and an increase in crimes of violence in particular. But we must also realize that there are factors which contribute to this increase, such as poor social conditions; inadequate educational exposure; poor economic backgrounds; the increase in drug usage; and above all, the most disheartening of all factors, is that certain individuals are sometimes the victims of the social determiners of crime itself.

Recognizing that a person is the sum total of his experience, it is necessary to change those negative experiences, while at the same time, work on the immediate problem of making the streets safe for innocent people, who are many times the victims of criminal violence.

The new project will encompass



Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson presents scholarship to eight high school winners in a program sponsored by the Newark Human Rights Commission. Story on page 3.

collecting data and analyzing crime related problems. It will also examine correctional and rehabilitative methods, the court system and police-community relations.

We hope that crime in Newark can be brought under better control if emphasis is placed on more rational and efficient methods used to deal with both crime and punishment.

We are also hopeful that while we attempt to reduce crime in our city, the social and economic conditions leading to such situations will at the same time be remedied.

Recreation and Parks Director Nathaniel Washington Speaks

Director Nathaniel Washington statement to our paper was that he was very happy to join Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson progressive administration.

He stated he was also appreciative of the Mayor of Newark appointing him as the first recreation and parks director and saluted the Newark City Council who approved . . .

He said his first week on the job had

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been very challenging and demanding, but he felt it would be a very rewarding experience. He also said that his staff was in the process of implementing a coordinate mass program for the City's youth... His last words were that he would strive to make Newark's Department of Recreation and Parks number one in the United States.



NEWARK, N.J.-Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson congratulates Funeral Director Charles Whigham who is the co-founder of the new black bank soon to be open in Newark, N.J. Mayor Hart of East Orange also present.

Citizens Committee For Fire Department

Fire Director John P. Caufield announced the formation of a Fire Department Citizens Advisory Committee. Gustav Henningburg is serving as Chairman and Fran Aduabato and William Matos as Co-Chairmen.

The Committee will concern itself with a reduction in the loss of life and property due to fire. It will deal with Fire Prevention, recruitment, false alarms, Community Relations, vacant buildings, code enforcement, the care of fire victims, and many other related subjects.

Mr. Henningburg and Director Caufield agreed that these problems are difficult

for the Fire Department to handle alone, and stressed the importance of citizen cooperation in all these areas.

Last year there were 9,400 fires in the City, and 40 persons lost their lives needlessly in fires.

Films Available

The Newark Fire Department announced that movies to be shown outdoors are available to any group in the City.

To make arrangements, please call Director John P. Caufield, 621-7410.

Eight Newark High School Graduates Receive Scholarships

The Newark Human Rights Commission, in its continued involvement in the city's educational system, awarded eight \$200.00 scholarships to winners in an essay contest sponsored by the commission.

The students—one representative from each school in Newark, received the awards Monday during a Scholarship Awards Program held at City Hall which was attended by students, school personnel, parents and community representatives.

The Rev. Frank G. Gibson Jr., Urban Coordinator, Presbytery of Newark was guest speaker.

Rev. Gibson commended the students for recognizing the need for change if the city is to provide better services for all its people.

"I could see expressed in the students' essays a powerful symbol of a new creation breaking out in the city," the minister said.

Rev. Gibson pointed out that he could see the students' "scale of values and loyalties" in their essays which points to a new kind of arrangement among people.

He made special reference to the students' concern for renewed efforts to coalesce among blacks, whites and Spanish speaking people and their apparent insight in recognizing the need to anticipate problems before they develop into

conflicts.

The minister went on to say that he was impressed with their concern for penal and educational reforms and ended his talk with a charge to the students to "put into practice what they talked about in their essays." He reminded them that since they (the students) are directly involved in the educational process they should develop concern for the "shape of the contract to come next year."

The awards were presented by Newark Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson. Recipients included Marilyn Davis of Arts High, Joan Herdase of Barringer, Debra Chandler of Central, Deborah Davis of East Side, Norman L. Buchanan of Malcolm X.

Shabazz, Richard Whelan of Vailsburg, Jennifer James Weequahic and Beatrice S. Smith of West Side.

The students were selected by their respective schools as winners in the contest on "What I Believe the Role of the Newark Human Rights Commission to Be in the 70's."

Daniel W. Blue Jr., executive director of the Human Rights Commission, said that the contest was limited to prospective college students.

Blue said that it is hoped that next year the commission and the Board of Education will be able to conjunctively establish human relations councils in the city's public schools.

Newark Human Rights Commission Acts On Blockbusting "Panic Selling"

Director Dan Blue said, "Blockbusting is a serious problem in the City of Newark and has grown. Last December the Newark Municipal Council passed an Ordinance to eliminate blockbusting in the City of Newark. The enforcement of this Ordinance is in the hands of your Newark Human Rights Commission.

What this Blockbusting Ordinance means for you as a citizen in the City of Newark is:

- * It will eliminate the economic and social threats used by numerous real estate agents and brokers in order to do business
 - * It eliminates panic selling by citizens of Newark
 - * It eliminates the fear in communities as realtors and brokers go about trying to sell or rent houses in the City of Newark
 - * It puts restrictions on sale and sold signs. All "for sale signs must be no more than 14 inches by 24 inches, with conservative black lettering on white background, and must simply state property is for sale and the name to be contacted. The sale sign must be removed within seven (7) days of a sale.
- Sale signs detract from the beauty of our neighborhoods. It is your human right not to be hounded by door to door harassment day after day by real estate

brokers and salesmen.

This is your Ordinance and you can help make it work. Anytime a realtor or a real estate salesman wants to canvass an area he must file an "intent to canvass" form. Before a broker can confer with you on your intent to list or sell your property this form must be filed with the City Clerk Office; thereby, alerting the Newark Human Rights Commission of their presence in the area. If there are signs in your neighborhood that you feel is a violation of this Ordinance or if you are being hounded by Real Estate Brokers and salesmen, contact the Newark Human Rights Commission, City Hall (643-6300). Violation of this ordinance upon conviction is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days or both.

If any citizen feels he is being aggrieved by this unlawful practice he may file a complaint with the Newark Human Rights Commission

Equal access to housing in all neighborhoods in a peaceful and orderly fashion is the right of all persons and is in the best interest of the growth and development of the City of Newark.

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Neighborhood Youth Corps Launches Summer Program

The City of Newark Neighborhood Youth Corps Summer Program will offer a nine week action program to the city's teenage population.

The program, designed to encourage the development of youthful talents by providing the participants with opportunities to take part in a learning and earning experience, is scheduled to begin July 3rd and end September 3rd.

"It is a chance for a change," said Clyde D. Mitchell, City-Wide Director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps program. "It is a chance for young people to continue their education by providing some economic assurance while they undergo work experiences which may assist them in assessing their present skills and aptitudes."

According to Mitchell, he and his staff have met with City, State, Federal and public, private nonprofit agencies to provide work-sites for the students and to include some new offering as opposed to last year's projects.

"Every effort is being made," Mitchell added, "to fulfill the commitment in hopefully providing the students with incentive to continue, or return to school in the fall."

The hourly rate of pay for participants is \$1.60 per hour which paid through the Neighborhood Youth Corps by the U.S. Department of Labor.

To qualify for the program, students must be between 14 and 18 years of age, attending school and meeting the eligibility guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Labor. Students over 18 will be accepted if they are still in high school. Students will be recruited through the Board of Education Guidance Department where applications are available now.

Present scheduling includes tutorial sessions (YTY), counseling sessions, drama workshops, drug abuse, and environmental programs which will include anti-litter campaigns conducted by the students in coordination with the City's Department of Health and Welfare and the Sanitation Department.

With full participation and involvement by various agencies of the City, Newark's young people will be among those having some of the best chances for making it this summer. Hopefully, the experience will also provide them with a greater sense of hope and add to their economic security.



Margaret Caines, Urban Agent from the West Ward, accepts award from Mayor Gibson as "Outstanding Organizer From the Community".



Margaret Caines of the Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Association salutes A.B.C. commissioner, Johnnie Peterson for outstanding accomplishments in the Newark community.



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The Central Ward - VOICE -

The Central Ward Civic and Social Association is a natural outgrowth of the activity that involved so many Newark residents in the political process: The 1970 elections. It was essentially formed by a group of friends, neighbors, and residents of the Central Ward, who came together to direct their energies towards developing a new Newark, and beginning with where they lived, the Central Ward.

The Central Ward has had a long history of neglect, which can be witnessed from any car window; and, The Association represents the desires of residents to speak on, and move on the prevailing conditions that stifle the lives of so many of their neighbors as well as themselves. The nucleus of the organization was residents of the ward, who were instrumental in running the successful campaign of Central Ward Councilman Mjumba* (Dennis Westbrook). They felt, that an ongoing structure was necessary to help implement community determinations, and to help sustain the level of awareness

and participation by residents during the election, into a positive community force afterwards.

The hearings and meetings of the association are held on the first and third Mondays of every month, so that any specific action deemed necessary can be taken at the subsequent City Council meeting (first and third Wednesday) by Councilman Mjumba.

News and information on projects of interest in the Central Ward can be heard on the radio program "The Central Ward Speaks!" hosted by residents and the councilman every Thursday at 9:30 p.m. on WNNR.

The Association speaks to the reality that change can only come through the diligent efforts of an aware and active community organization. Any resident interested in joining or attending the next meeting of the group, need only call Councilman Mjumba or Sr. Jeanne Johnson at 643-6300. Community people involved in community participation manifest Community Power!

Director Edward Seagraves



Neighborhood Stabilization and Building Improvement Project headed by Edward Seagraves is a Model Cities Program located at 598 South 11th Street, Newark, New Jersey.

The purpose of the project is to provide exterior building materials and technical assistance for the repair of homes in the Model Cities area.

The Project is basically a self-help program designed to provide materials to homeowners and tenants in the Model Cities area (AT NO COST) with an active desire to improve their premises.

The goals of the project goals are:

Eliminate structural and environmental blight; stimulate self-help in block organizations; undertake neighborhood enhancement; and to create an extensive code enforcement program.

The project was activated in August of 1970 at 545 Central Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. As of February 1972, 553 Model Cities residents have received exterior building materials and paints from the Project, an additional 244 homes have been inspected and are awaiting for favorable weather to do repairs and paint. Presently 474 new applications are on file awaiting home inspections.

The Neighborhood Stabilization and Building Improvement Project have proven to be helpful in view of the fact that there have been requests for its expansion.

You may reach the project by calling 248-3700, 3701 or 3702.

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\$25.00 Other _____

Free Cultural Music Festival

City of Newark Youth Services Agency under the director of Harold Gibson presents their 2nd Cultural Music Festival. The show will be held on Sunday, July 2, 1972, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. at Utermann Field in Newark. Two of the star attractions will be the "ZAG CLOUD" (formerly the Jon Barger Thing), and Ray Barretto and his Latin Group. Youth Service Agency which is a juvenile delinquency prevention and rehabilitation program, held its first show at Symphony Hall on May 28, which attracted over 3,000 youth from the inner city. The show on July 2, will be FREE, no tickets or reservations required.

Meet Your Mayor Night Has Been A Success

During the first four months of the Meet Your Mayor Night Series, Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson has given over 7,000 cards to citizens of the City of Newark with important phone numbers to call for services. He has given over 7,000 pictures to citizens of the City of Newark and has talked to over 7,000 people in our City and given them answers to questions as Chief Executive of the City of Newark in person. He has received feedback on his goals and objectives. Shown all citizens that he as a Mayor will come to the people without being requested to do so.

Mayor Gibson has had the opportunity to collect data for plans by talking face to face with the community on key issues and given the citizens an opportunity to meet their Mayor on a

face to face basis. Most important of all he has done this not because he is campaigning (for this is not an election year) but because he wants the people closer to government and government closer to the people.

Mayor's Picnic

THE 2nd Annual Mayor's Family picnic sponsored by the Kenneth A. Gibson Civic Association will be held at Sun Tan Lake, Route 23, Fairfield, New Jersey, Sunday, September 10, 1972, 10 A.M. Until-Rain or Shine.

There will be dancing, food, entertainment. We will

also be raffling off 10 bicycles and 10 portable Television Sets at \$1.00 a chance. Tickets are \$2.00 kids and \$7.00 Adults and may be purchased by contacting Elton Hill, Pearl Beatty, Johnie Peterson or Edward Seagraves. Johnie Peterson is general chairman again this year. Come out and Bring Your Family and Have Fun With Us.

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